

# HOUSE BILL No. 1317

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-21-20.

**Synopsis:** Tow trucks as authorized emergency vehicles. Requires the department of transportation to adopt rules to designate certain recovery vehicles as authorized emergency vehicles when the recovery vehicles are responding to an emergency call from a law enforcement officer. Makes conforming changes.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 16, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-21-20-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. (a) **Except as**  
3 **provided in section 4 of this chapter**, the Indiana department of  
4 transportation may designate as an authorized emergency vehicle a  
5 vehicle:

6 (1) other than an ambulance that is owned by a person other than  
7 a hospital; and

8 (2) that is used in emergency service.

9 (b) The Indiana department of transportation may designate and  
10 authorize other emergency vehicles under the rules the department  
11 prescribes.

12 SECTION 2. IC 9-21-20-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
13 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
14 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. (a) **Notwithstanding section 1 of this**  
15 **chapter, the Indiana department of transportation shall adopt**  
16 **rules under IC 4-22-2 to designate a recovery vehicle described in**  
17 **IC 9-18-13-3 as an authorized emergency vehicle when the**



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1 recovery vehicle is responding to an emergency call from a law  
2 enforcement officer.

3 (b) The rules must require that a recovery vehicle designated as  
4 an authorized emergency vehicle be equipped with:

5 (1) signal lamps as required by IC 9-19-14-2; and

6 (2) a siren, whistle, or bell as authorized by:

7 (A) IC 9-19-5-3(b); and

8 (B) IC 9-19-14-3.

9 SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a)  
10 Notwithstanding IC 9-21-20-1, as amended by this act, and  
11 IC 9-21-20-4, as added by this act, the Indiana department of  
12 transportation shall carry out the duties imposed upon the  
13 department under IC 9-21-20-1, as amended by this act, and  
14 IC 9-21-20-4, as added by this act, under interim written guidelines  
15 approved by the commissioner of the Indiana department of  
16 transportation.

17 (b) This SECTION expires on the earlier of the following:

18 (1) The date rules are adopted under IC 9-21-20-1, as  
19 amended by this act, and IC 9-21-20-4, as added by this act.

20 (2) December 31, 2008.

21 SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.

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